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High Level Group for
Joint Programming

Secretariat

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NOTE

Subject: **Summary conclusions of the 26th meeting of the High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC), held in Brussels on 5 December 2013**

The meeting was chaired by the GPC Chair, Mr Rolf ANNERBERG.

The High Level Group for Joint Programming (GPC) drew the following conclusions:

1. Approval of the provisional agenda

The agenda was adopted as set out in document 5400/13.

2. Election of the next GPC Chair and Vice Chair

Mr Fulvio ESPOSITO was unanimously elected for the position of the GPC Chair and Mr Martin SCHMID was unanimously elected for the position of the GPC Vice-Chair. Their term of office will run as of 8 March 2014

3. State of play of the GPC Working Groups

- **Presentations by the representatives of the Groups:**
 - **Alignment with SRAs**
 - **Securing Commitment and Engagement in Joint Programming**
 - **GPC and JPIs**
 - **Framework Conditions for Joint Programming**
 - **Measuring JPIs Progress and Impact**

The Chair recalled that the Securing Commitment and Engagement in Joint Programming Working Group did not yet start its work. As the Group lacked a Rapporteur it was suggested that it might be joined with the Alignment with SRAs Working Group. It was concluded that the Alignment with SRAs Working Group would reflect on this possibility in the context of their work and make a decision in due time.

Afterwards, the Chair asked the Rapporteurs to present the state of play for their respective Groups.

Mr Mogens HØRDER presented the mandate, the working methods and the roadmap of the Alignment with SRAs Working Group.

Mr Pat KELLY presented the work performed by the GPC and JPIS Working Group concentrating on the mandate, working methodology, the progress that has been done to date and issues and ideas emerging from the work as well as the first approximation of the communication channels and the first ideas for communication channels.

Mr Martin SCHMID gave a presentation on the state of play of the Working Group on Framework Conditions, concentrating on the main ten areas of attention identified to date by the Group. The presentation was followed by a discussion in which the delegates were asked to identify three priority areas, to comment on the possible overlapping with the other Working Groups as well as to provide additional suggestions and recommendations.

Ms Laure MICHELET presented the state of play of the Measuring JPIs Progress and Impact Working Group describing the mandate definition, timetable and deliverables, contribution to evaluation of JPIs foreseen by the Commission in Horizon 2020 Work Programme for 2014-2015, and the possible links to self-evaluation by each JPIs and to work on evaluation by "JPI to Co-work" as well as links with the other Working Groups.

4. **JPIs to Co-Work Project on Framework Conditions - preliminary results of the meeting with the Chairs of the JPIs on 4 December 2013.**

– **Presentation by the Chair of the JPI Urban Europe**

Mr Ingolf SCHÄDLER provided a presentation on the results of the meeting with the Chairs of the JPIs, representatives of the GPC and the Commission which took place on 4 December 2013.

Delegates emphasised a high added value of this kind of meetings, where the relevant actors in the Joint Programming process could exchange their views.

5. **Strategies for working with Joint Programming nationally**

– **Presentations by French, Norwegian and Swedish delegations**

Ms Laure MICHELET (representative of the French delegation), Mr Pål SØRGAARD (representative of the Norwegian delegation) and Ms Eva STENSKÖLD (representative of the Swedish delegation) provided presentations on their national strategies for working with Joint Programming.

The Chair encouraged the other delegations to try also to provide examples of their national strategies for the future meetings.

6. Update on the JPIs

– Presentation by the Commission

Mr Giorgio CLAROTTI (representative of the Commission) provided a presentation on the above mentioned subject.

7. GPC relations to other relevant groups

– Presentations by correspondents

The introduction given by Mr Peter KEET (Coordinator of the GPC relations with other relevant bodies) was followed by the following:

- Mr Fulvio ESPOSITO provided a presentation on the ERA Steering Group on Human Resources and Mobility;
- Ms Eva M. KLAPER presented the links between COST and the GPC / Joint Programming Initiatives;
- Mr Lutz GROS presented the recent developments in ERAC and ERAC ad hoc Working Group on the European Semester and ERA Monitoring with relevance to the GPC and Joint Programming.

8. Any Other Business

The Chair informed the delegates about the dates of the next GPC meetings: 11 March and 19 May 2014.
